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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Application of Birch Communications, Incorporated; Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications; and Ernest Communications, Incorporated for Approval to Transfer Assets
Docket No. 2013-216-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above-referenced Application and does not object to the asset transfer.

Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest") seeks to cancel its certification in September which is the effective date of the asset transfer. Currently, Ernest owes \$2.66 in late fees for the month of July. The Company will be billed \$862.00 for August and September for a total of \$1,726.66. If the invoices are paid on time, the Company will not incur any late fees. The August invoice would begin assessing late fees on October 1, 2013 and the September invoice on November 1, 2013.

ORS recommends that the Commission require Ernest to notify the Commission and ORS within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the transfer and condition the asset transfer upon Ernest satisfying any regulatory obligations.

Should you have and questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Courtney D. Edwards

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2013-216-C


IN RE: Joint Application of Birch Communications,)
Incorporated; Birch Telecom of the South,) **CERTIFICATE OF**
Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications;) **SERVICE**
and Ernest Communications, Incorporated for)
Approval to Transfer Assets)

This is to certify that I, Allyson R. Twilley, have this date served one (1) copy of the **NO OBJECTION LETTER** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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